

Dear House General

Please remove the proposed amendments to this bill, and pass it out of your committee in a form that contains the very necessary features that were included when it came to you from the Senate.

It is unconscionable that you are considering watering down this bill, when everyday, we hear the experiences of systemic racism endured by our black and brown neighbors in Vermont.

This bill had the power to mitigate systemic racism in Vermont. What you are considering now leaves the bill without teeth, without the resources to be effective, and without the ability to monitor progress.

Please reconsider and pass out S. 281 without amendments.

Thank you for your consideration.

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